



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Proposed Action

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The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for **Water Pollution Control Permit (WPCP) NEV2005110** for the **Section 17 Project** has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for WPCP NEV2005110 is:

**Bart Caldwell**  
**Sunrise Minerals LLC**  
**7343 South Alton Way, Suite 100**  
**Centennial, CO 80112**

The new facility is located in northeast Pershing County, within the southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section 17 (SEC 17), Township 33 North (T33N), Range 36 East (R36E), Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M), approximately 8.0 miles northeast of the town of Mill City and 20 miles southwest of the town of Winnemucca. Application materials submitted estimate a life expectancy of at least five years for the Section 17 Project. Annual throughput will not exceed 450,000 tons (300,000 cubic yards) per year. The Section 17 Project site is located in an area of significant historical disturbance; however the amount of new disturbance will be less than five (5) acres.

A wet gravity separation process will be used to recover gold from placer material excavated on site. The facility is designed and constructed to operate and close without any discharge or release from the fluid management system except meteorological events that exceed the design storm limit. Chemicals are not approved for use in the process with the exception of a bio-degradable flocculant and make-up water is recycled through the settling ponds for reuse.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the water pollution control permit, or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation in the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445A, must submit their comments, objections, or requests no later than **March 25, 2006**, to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, NV 89701

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All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit application information and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information contact Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.